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UNIT OF CROP INSURANCE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received a proposal from the State Government of Madhya Pradesh to make Patwari Halka Number as the unit of crop insurance;

(b) if so, whether the Government has received such requests from other States also;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be approved?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a): Government of Madhya Pradesh State is already implementing National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) at patwari halka and Modified NAIS at village/village panchayat level. While in case of Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (WBCIS), unit of insurance is notified by State Government depending upon the availability of weather stations.

(b) to (d): NAIS was introduced from Rabi 1999-2000 in the country and at present, it is implemented by 25 States and 2 Union Territories. During the period of its implementations, some States interalia suggested for reduction in unit area of insurance. Considering the suggestions of the States and the shortcomings experienced during implementation of crop insurance schemes and to make schemes easier and more farmer friendly, NAIS was modified incorporating various modifications including reduction in unit area to village/village panchayat level for major crops and a new scheme i.e. Modified National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (MNAIS) was approved by Government of India for implementation in 50 districts in the country on pilot basis from Rabi 2010-11. The MNAIS has been implemented by 12 States in 34 districts during Rabi 2010-11.